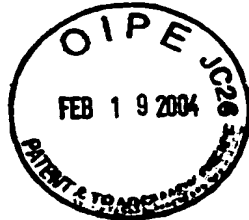


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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Bogdan SZAFRANIEC et al. (H25078) GROUP ART UNIT: 2877

SERIAL NO.: 10/038,131 EXAMINER: Samuel A. Turner

FILED: January 3, 2002 CONFIRMATION NO.: 7416

TITLE: SYMMETRICAL DEPOLARIZED FIBER OPTIC GYROSCOPE

**AMENDMENT "A"**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	*19	MINUS	**23	X	( ) X 9.00 ( ) X 18.00	
INDEP. CLAIMS	*3	MINUS	3	X	( ) X 43.00 ( ) X 86.00	
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				( ) YES ( ) NO	( ) \$145.00 ( ) \$290.00 ONE TIME	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$0.00

\* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

\*\* If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20 write "20" in this space.

- ☒ Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend this time for response to the Office Action dated September 15, 2003 for 02 months so that the period for response is extended to February 16, 2004. A check in the amount of \$420.00 is attached to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account No. 501519. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 420.00 is attached.
- ☐ A check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ accompanying IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(c) is attached
- ☐ A check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and Petition for Consideration of IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(d) is attached.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.
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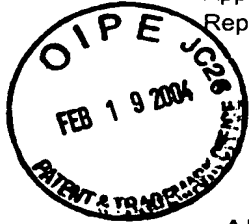
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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on February 16, 2004.

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February 16, 2004



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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

AMENDMENT A

APPLICANT: Bogdan Szafraniec, et al. DOCKET NO: P01,0382 (H25078)  
SERIAL NO.: 10/038,131 ART UNIT: 2877  
FILED: January 3, 2002 EXAMINER: Turner, Samuel A.  
CONF. NO.: 7416  
TITLE: Symmetrical Depolarized Fiber Optic Gyroscope

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Commissioner for Patents

5 PO Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 15, 2003 ("OA"), please  
10 amend the above-identified application as follows.

Applicants hereby petition the Assistant Commissioner for Patents for a  
two-month extension of time for responding to the OA and are enclosing a check  
for the \$420.00 government fee so that the period of response is extended from  
December 15, 2003 to February 15, 2004.

15 **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which  
begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.